

## Editorial Comments.

This is the last day for sending in income tax reports.

According to the calendar spring ought to begin tomorrow.

As a war measure, Huerta has put an export tax on coffee, which is now moving.

Justice Lurton was 70 years old Thursday and is eligible to retirement on full pay.

Of the 7,475 national banks in the federal reserve system, 144 are in Kentucky and 110 in Tennessee.

F. B. H. Waller has been chosen mayor of Clinton, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E. B. Walker.

Dr. Mary Walker, the only woman who wears pants by congressional enactment, was 82 years old Thursday.

A Canadian lets his dog come to the table. One advantage is, if he goes to the dogs he won't have far to go.

The latest exploit of the suffragettes was to burn the ancient White Kirk Village church at Dunbar, Scotland, built in 1297.

Becker's four friends who failed to get new trials have been given until April 13 to think it over and get ready for another shock.

The American embassy in Mexico City has been equipped with machine guns. The next step will probably be to put men behind the guns.

Congressman Stanley announces that he stands with President Wilson in opposition to the exemption from canal tolls of American merchant ships.

W. S. West, a lawyer of Valdosta, Ga., was appointed by Gov. Slaton as United States Senator to succeed the late Senator A. O. Bacon. He is 65 years old.

Senator Bacon was the sixteenth United States Senator who has died within five years and now the youngest member of the Senate—Lea of Tennessee—is sick.

This is the last day to get the Daily Courier-Journal at the bargain price of \$3 in connection with the Kentuckian, both one year for \$5. You will have to hurry.

Robert B. Dixon, of Easton, Md., has shaken hands with every prince since William Henry Harrison. He is father-in-law of Representative A. Mitchell Palmer and is now 80 years old.

Villa had ample time to exhume Benton's corpse and shoot it full of holes before he permitted its inspection. If he was killed by the bandit's own pistol, it would have been even possible to conceal that fact by mutilating the body.

Colored wigs worn by actresses to match their gowns have created a sensation in Gotham. One actress wore a green wig and another a purple one. It doesn't matter much about the color of things women wear, if they only wear enough of them.

The New York Giants and the Chicago White Sox are touring Europe and played in London Thursday, affording King George his first opportunity to see the great American game played by top notchers. McGraw and Comiskey both did George the honor of shaking his hand.

The Mexican situation which the last few days has centered chiefly on efforts to determine how and why the constitutionalists executed Wm. S. Benton, a British subject, was broadened Wednesday when Consul Garrett, at Nuevo Laredo, was instructed to inquire into the hanging by Mexican federalists of Clemente Vergara, an American citizen, who protested against the stealing of his horses from an island in the Rio Grande river.

GREENE BILL  
PUT THROUGH

Passed The Senate By a Vote Of Twenty-three To Thirteen.

THE SAME AS GLENN BILL.

Huffaker's School Bill Beaten By a Margin of Two Votes.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 27.—The Glenn measure giving the State Rating Board power to fix flat rates came up at the afternoon session of the Senate yesterday. Upon motion of Senator Glenn, the Greene bill, which has passed the House, was substituted for the Glenn bill.

Senator Glenn explained that the bill was the same as the present insurance law except that it extended the powers of the rating board. An amendment was offered by Senator Glenn requiring all fire insurance companies to file with the board within thirty days two copies of the schedule of basis rates or any information which affects the rates of insurance.

A hearing by insurance companies is provided for when rates are changed. The bill was passed 23 to 13.

After a long debate, and by a vote of 17 to 15, the Senate today postponed indefinitely the bill of Senator Huffaker to change the method of paying teachers of the State by having the County Superintendents report their pay rolls each month to the State Superintendent and to have the individuals checks sent out from the Capitol direct.

## Game Law Killed.

After a long debate in the House Tuesday afternoon over the Cox bill, intended to strengthen the fish and game laws of the state, further action on the measure was indefinitely postponed. The original bill had been so mutilated by amendments that even its author could not recognize it. At the close friends of the fish and game commission came to the rescue and practically killed all proposed legislation on the subject.

## Church Meeting March 11.

The purchase of the Buck place for a Baptist parsonage was not consummated this week, but the trustees reported to the church that another business session, after due advertisement, would have to be held to authorize the sale of the old parsonage. The matter was made a special order for the night of March 11.

## WHITE AND BLACK

Prisoners Before U. S. Commissioner Clark.

Last Tuesday Orville Head, was arrested at Blackford by Deputy U. S. Marshal R. M. Kimball on the charge of stealing coal from an interstate carrier. He was brought here and arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Alvan Clark. In default of a \$500 bond Head was sent to Owensboro to await the action of the U. S. grand jury.

Bob Tyler, colored, was also before Commissioner Clark on the charge of selling liquor without license. He was arrested by Deputy U. S. Marshal Joe Jackson. He was admitted to bail in the sum of \$300, but in default thereof was sent to jail at Paducah. Tyler had just completed a sentence in jail for the same offense.

## Revival Closed.

A revival of three weeks resulted with 59 additions at the Baptist church at Madisonville.

GOV. OF TEXAS ABOUT TO  
DECLARE WAR OWN HIS HOOK

In Communication Addressed to President Wilson, Gov. Colquitt Asks Consent of United States to Dispatch Police Force into Mexican Territory in Pursuit of the Lawless Element of Either Faction When They Commit Crimes Under His Jurisdiction. Pronounces Conditions on the Border Unbearable. Bryan Refuses to Agree to Proposition.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 27.—A request to know "whom the United States government now recognizes as the constituted authority in Mexican states bordering on the Rio Grande," went forward last night to President Wilson from Gov. O. B. Colquitt, of Texas. The request was made for the purpose of demanding the surrender of the abductors and murderers of Clemente Vergara, a Texas citizen, executed by Mexican federalists.

Earlier in the day Gov. Colquitt had put in motion an investigation of the Vergara incident through state channels. The first result was information from the Webb county records, asserting positively that the island where Vergara is said to have been seized, belongs to Texas.

Secretary Bryan telegraphed Gov. Colquitt that the sending of the

state militia into Mexico would involve a responsibility which the federal government alone was in a position to assume and that the Washington government was doing all that could be done to obtain the arrest and punishment of the offenders.

A similar situation arose in Texas in February, 1912, and February, 1913, when border troubles caused Gov. Colquitt to declare he might send Texas rangers into Mexico either to prevent firing into American territory or to protect Americans. When on Feb. 24, 1913, Gov. Colquitt ordered four companies of militia to Brownsville, the war department telegraphed Gen. Steever, then in command of the department of Texas, "under no circumstances to permit their crossing of the river except under the specific orders of the secretary of war."

SUPPOSED  
FORGER

Landed In Jail By a Clever Piece of Detective Work.

Even King Baggott in the movies seldom does a better piece of detective work than that pulled off by Louis Tanner, son of a merchant at Ninth and Clay streets, last Wednesday. Louis is a wide-awake young fellow and knows something of what has been published in the papers concerning the recent passing of forged checks by negroes. So, when a negro, giving his name as Frank Reeves, of Trenton, entered the store and wanted to buy a pair of overshoes and presented a check to be cashed, young Tanner's suspicion was aroused. He told his father to sell the negro what he wanted and he would go out and get the check cashed.

Instead of having the check cashed he went to the police station at the L. & N. and gave the officers the tip and they started to Tanner's store. The officers, Lieut. Hawkins and Broussais Gregory, met the negro going towards the depot and arrested him.

The check was drawn for \$20, payable to the order of Hope Coleman and was on the Trenton bank. The name of Hugh Hammack was signed to the check and Hope Coleman works on Mr. Hammack's farm, near Trenton. Reeves had one of the check books of the Trenton bank in his pocket and the police had him to draw a check on one of them and the writing looked very much like that on the one presented to Tanner. When Mr. Hammack was called up over the phone he said he had not drawn the check. The case was given to the grand jury Thursday. Reeves claims he cashed the check for another negro just before leaving home.

## In Honor of Miss Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston White entertained at their beautiful home on East Main street on Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Katherine Long, of Hopkinsville, the popular visitor of Miss Elizabeth Grinter. A guessing contest was a very interesting feature, and eight tables of ruck proved specially attractive. Some special musical selections by Mrs. White and Misses Long and Shaw were very much enjoyed. A delicious luncheon was served.—Cadiz Record.

SCHOOL BOND  
ISSUE VOTED

Whitesburg Holds Election Without Waiting Till November.

In spite of the recent decision of the Hopkinsville city council that a school bond issue could not be voted on until November, it appears that a very similar proposition was voted on at Whitesburg Wednesday of this week. A bond issue of \$12,000 was voted for the completion of the High School building started last year at an expected cost of \$30,000. The building will be completed at once. A large number of women voted for the bond issue, which received every vote cast.

## HARD AT WORK

Heating Plant for Government Building Has Arrived.

Though the weather during the week put a stop to laying brick and setting stone, the contractors for erecting the postoffice building have been at work most of the time in moving the large steel supports for the floors and doing other things necessary for a rush of the walls when good weather puts in its appearance. The heating apparatus arrived the first of the week and the large boiler and other parts of the plant have been gotten to a convenient place for putting in position.

## THAT \$500 FORFEIT.

Hopkinsville Will Surely Have League Ball.

R. H. Hol'and, President of the Hopkinsville baseball club, said yesterday that we will have baseball this season beyond all doubt. He said that he was going to plunk up the required \$250 today and the other \$250 would be forthcoming the first day of April. He says we are bound to have baseball—we can't get through the summer without it. When Hol'and says anything it goes

NO ZERO  
WEATHER

But Cold Enough to Check Farming Operations Generally.

GROUNDHOG A TRUE PROPHET

Many People "See Stars" While Prostrate on Side Walks.

Persons who are inclined to indulge in animadversions against the groundhog and express no faith as to his ability to prognosticate correctly as to weather on the second day of February, have been sitting up and taking notice of the wonderful accuracy with which he foretold weather conditions since he last went into hiding.

From the day following his emergence from his winter quarters and with the alacrity with which he went back into his hole in the earth, the weather, with exception of three or four days, has been anything but desirable.

Though last Sunday was warm and spring-like and many who had not taken a "constitutional" ramble for months visited the park and cemetery, the sudden change Monday put a stop to the singing of the birds.

Tuesday followed with a temperature several degrees below Monday, the government thermometer registered 8 degrees above zero. Wednesday was not quite so cold and farmers were again sanguine of having an ice spell.

The cold weather has continued throughout the week and the harvesting of ice was begun Thursday in some quarters.

The applications for coal have been numerous, though no cases of real destitution have come to our knowledge. Fortunately the coal dealers have had good supplies on hand, and as has often been the case, there has been no advance in prices.

Two or three farmers had, previous to the beginning of the longest and most severe spell of the winter, received thousands of a new kind of cabbage plants from North Carolina, which are considered immune from freezing and all kinds of Kentucky weather, including sleets, snows and blizzards. These had been "set out," but at this time none of the farmers are ready to "report."

Tobacco deliveries have decreased and there is much complaint of frozen pipes.

## BY KNIFE THRUST

Dave Cunningham, a Local Negro, Killed In St. Louis.

Dave Cunningham, a Hopkinsville negro who left his wife here and was living in St. Louis, was stabbed and killed Monday night by another man. Particulars have not been made known. The body has been brought here and will be interred tomorrow. Cunningham a few years ago, it is said, served a term in the penitentiary. He was 35 or 40 years of age and his mother and former wife live here.

## NEXT ATTRACTION.

Avon Sketch Club Will Come Tuesday Night.

The Avon Sketch Club will be the next Tabernacle attraction Tuesday, March 3. Glenn Wells, the talented singer, pianist and actor, with readings by Eileen O'Shaughnessy and Peggy O'Neill, together make up a most attractive and entertaining program.

ORATORICAL  
CONTEST

Crowd Went To Dawson Yesterday To Hear Flow of Orators.

HOPKINSVILLE REPRESENTED.

Reception and Dance Given to Visitors at Century Hotel.

There were other attractions at Dawson Friday night besides the flow of oratory those selected by the different high schools in this section of the state.

After the contest, a reception was given the visitors at the Century Hotel, which was a most enjoyable affair. The Dawson Springs Dancing Club gave a dance from 10:30 to 11:30 in the new ball room.

A large number of young people left here at 11:30 Friday morning and a happier and more sanguine lot of young people has not been seen at the I. C. station for many a day.

The crowd was headed by Prof. Gorton, the Principal of the High School, and he and the young people with him were confident that Edward Moseley, who had been chosen as the orator for Hopkinsville, would be the hero of the occasion, as the eloquence of young Moseley is so far beyond mediocrity that the local school had a better chance than ever to carry off the medal.

Pupils who went were: Edward Moseley, Thos. Underwood, Jim Moss, Manning Brown, Pettit Fentress, Potter Lackey, Wm. McCarroll, Raymond Rives, Jas. H. West, Earl Fowler, Wesley Dalton, Coleman Clark, James Higgins, Latham Davis, Lowe Johnson, Cy Williamson, Tom McReynolds, Cyrus Radford, Misses Mary Campbell, Elizabeth Lackey, Florine Rives, May Bell Hill and Anna Nelle Earle. They were chaperoned by Prof. M. L. Gorton, Prof. Pete Edwards, Misses Virginia Williamson and Ruth Marion.

The judges chosen to conduct the contest and decide on the merits of the speakers were Judge S. J. Sparks, of Greenville; Prof. N. C. Hammack, of Morganfield, and Prof. V. L. Christian, of Marion.

Following are the speakers and subjects:

Clyde Howard, of Princeton. "The Invisible Hand;" Roy Mason, of Dawson. "Whither Are We Drifting?" Clyde Mullins, of Paducah. "Is There a Danger of the Yellow Peril?" Edward D. Moseley, of Hopkinsville. "The Music of the Age;" Emanuel Gebauer, of Henderson. "The Living Present;" Merton W. Atchison, of Owensboro. "The Miracles of Industry;" Craig Riddle, of Madisonville. "The Rights of the American Boy."

At the present time there are seven cities represented in the association: Dawson Springs, Hopkinsville, Henderson, Owensboro, Madisonville, Princeton and Paducah. For a while Pembroke, Ky., was in the association. Hopkinsville won the contest in 1908 at Hopkinsville; Madisonville at Madisonville, in 1909; Hopkinsville won at Paducah in 1910 but the medal itself was presented to a girl contestant. Owensboro at Princeton in 1911; Owensboro at Owensboro in 1912; Hopkinsville at Henderson in 1913.

## FISCAL COURT

Meets Tuesday In Regular Monthly Session.

Next Tuesday is the day for the monthly meeting of the Fiscal Court. It is said that the court may not be able to make a final settlement with ex-Sheriff Johnson, as those working on the books may not get through in time to submit a report.